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For: Method and Apparatus for Providing
Prepaid Music Card for Deciphering
Recorded Broadcast Audio Signals



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Prior to the first Office Action, please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 10 and 13 as follows:

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1. (Twice Amended) An apparatus for recording and playing a digital signal, comprising:
 - a receiver for receiving an encrypted digital signal comprising a broadcast segment;
 - a buffer connected to said receiver for storing at least part of said digital signal as it is being received;
 - a recorder connected to said receiver for recording onto a first recording medium said encrypted digital signal in response to a user request if a beginning of said broadcast segment is in said buffer;
 - a player for playing said first recording medium and connected to a card reader;
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